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MOTION BY SUPERVISORS ZEV YAROSLAVSKY AND  
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**Relates to Item #53**

A key component of the Katie A. Corrective Action Plan is an expansion of Wraparound services. As authorized by Senate Bill 163, Los Angeles County has provided Wraparound services to families and their children with multiple and complex needs since 1998. Administered by the Departments of Children and Family Services (DCFS) and Mental Health (DMH), Wraparound is a multi-agency, community-based program intended to reduce the number of children and youth placed in high-end congregate care placement settings. The Katie A. Corrective Action Plan will increase its services to eligible families from 553 at the end of FY05-06 to more than 1,217 families by the end of FY07-08.

Since the program's inception, Wraparound has demonstrated positive outcomes. According to the 2006 Wraparound Annual Report, children enrolled in the program were able to return home quicker and remain in their communities with greater frequency than those children not receiving Wraparound services. They also function well in school, home and community environments, and achieve overall improved functioning as measured by the Child and Adolescent Functional Assessment Scale.

However, these outcomes come at a high price. Under the existing contract

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structure, Wraparound providers receive a fixed rate of \$4,184 per month per child, regardless of actual costs incurred. According to the latest estimates for FY07-08, \$12.4 million of the \$17.4 million in DCFS Net County Cost for the Katie A. Corrective Action Plan is attributable to expanding Wraparound.

**WE, THEREFORE, MOVE** that the Chief Executive Officer, in conjunction with DCFS, determine the actual average per child per month costs of providing Wraparound services.

**WE FURTHER MOVE** that if the costs are significantly below the fixed rate of \$4,184 per child per month, the CEO, in conjunction with DCFS, should evaluate the feasibility of amending the existing Wraparound contracts to provide for either cost-based reimbursement, a tiered funding structure allowing flexibility based on the child's needs, or a fixed monthly per child reimbursement that reflects actual costs expended.

**WE FURTHER MOVE** that the CEO provide a report back to the Board on his findings no later than September 11, 2007.

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